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| Applicant: Hideaki TANAKA | Art Unit: 2817 |
| Serial No.: 09/615,875 | Examiner: K. Glenn |
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| Title: DELAY LINE | |

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to May 20, 2002, by the accompanying Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 14 without prejudice of disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 2-10, 12, 13 and 15-22 with the following claims:

2. The delay line according to claim 8, wherein the at least three inductors are